

# Central Marin Ferry Connection Project

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## Key Elements

The proposed Central Marin Ferry Connection Project (CMFC) will create a new multi-use pathway following the County's north-south greenway, which is intended to further promote non-motorized commute alternatives and enhanced recreational travel. The proposed project is of vital importance to central Marin as it will provide safe, direct, and convenient pedestrian/bicycle access between local transit facilities, schools, business centers, and residential communities. The CMFC will connect the planned Cal Park Hill Multi-Use Pathway with an existing multi-use pathway on Wornum Drive south of Corte Madera Creek. The CMFC Project is proposed to generally follow the railroad right-of-way and is proposed to be implemented in two stages:

### PHASE ONE

- Extend the Cal Park pathway to the south by constructing a new overcrossing of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFDB) and constructing a new access ramp down to match the existing multi-use pathway leading to the Ferry Terminal
- Improve the existing multi-use pathway, where possible, along SFDB
- Construct pedestrian/bicycle improvements, where possible, along Redwood Highway to Wornum Drive

### PHASE TWO

Depending on available funding, and/or the selected improvements to the adjacent Highway 101 Corridor, extend the pathway to the south by:

- Connecting the SFDB overcrossing to a new bridge over Corte Madera Creek and following the railroad right-of-way south to connect with the existing Wornum Drive pathway, or
- Connecting the SFDB overcrossing and existing pathway with a new structure adjacent to Highway 101, and completing pedestrian/bicycle improvements along Redwood Highway to Wornum Drive



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## Regional Benefits

The CMFC will promote non-motorized commute alternatives while reducing congestion in central Marin. By closing the “gap” between Larkspur and Corte Madera, the CMFC will accomplish the following:

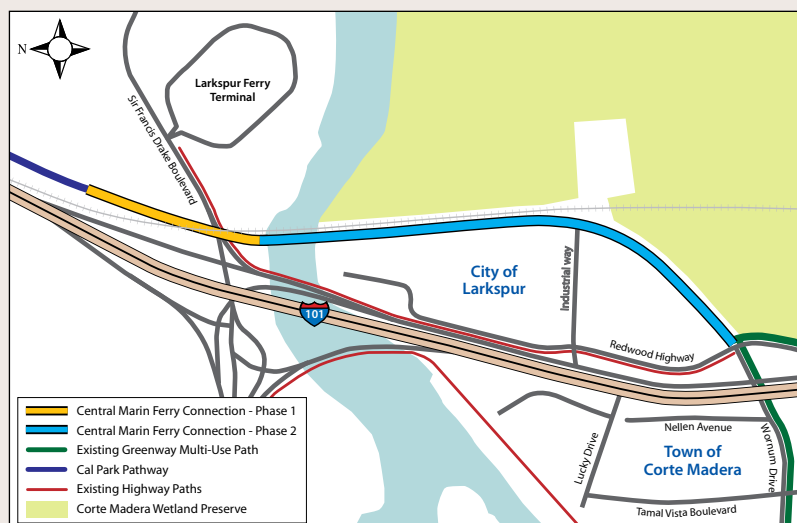
- Connect transit facilities including: Larkspur Ferry Terminal, Marin Airporth, future SMART Larkspur Station, and future bus stops
- Improve trail access to the Cal Park Hill Pathway, North-South Greenway, East-West Greenway, Greater Bay Trail Network, and Corte Madera Creek Trail
- Connect many local shopping, dining, and residential destinations with a low impact transportation facility
- Provide a safe pedestrian/bicycle crossing of SFDB
- Reduce delays at the SFDB/Larkspur Ferry Terminal signalized intersection
- Reduce parking demand at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and surrounding areas
- Provide an alternative post-disaster lifeline to Larkspur Ferry Terminal and other transit facilities

## Background

Project Sponsor: Transportation Authority of Marin working in cooperation with the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District, the City of Larkspur and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

### PLANNING DOCUMENTATION:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Design Considerations and Parameters in the SMART Commuter Rail Corridor technical memorandum and plan sheet – HDR/Parsons Brinckerhoff for SMART in February 2003
- Central Marin Ferry Connection Project – Alta Planning + Design for City of Larkspur in April 2004
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – City of Larkspur in August 2004
- Cal Park Hill Tunnel Rehabilitation and Multi-Use Pathway 100% design plans – EarthTech Inc. for County of Marin in December 2007
- Central Marin Ferry Connection Feasibility Memorandum, Carter & Burgess with MSA Design & Consulting for Transportation Authority of Marin in September 2007



## Project Schedule

- Phase “A” Environmental Studies and Preliminary Engineering 11/07 – 4/09
- Phase “A” Final Design 4/09- 12/09
- Phase “A” Construction 3/10-9/11